

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 4

#### TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

##### *Existing areas of special scientific interest*

2.—(1) Any declaration under Article 24 of the 1985 Order which is in force immediately before the date on which Article 28 comes into operation has effect as from that date as if it were a declaration made and confirmed under that Article.

(2) The Department shall, within the period of five years beginning with the date on which Article 28 comes into operation, give to every owner and occupier of any land to which a declaration mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) relates a notice containing a statement of the Department's views about the matters referred to in the words following sub-paragraph (b) of Article 28(2).

(3) The notice shall specify the date (not being less than three months from the date of the giving of the notice) on or before which, and the manner in which, representations or objections with respect to it may be made; and the Department shall consider any representation or objection duly made.

(4) Within the period of two months beginning with the date referred to in sub-paragraph (3), the Department shall give a notice to every owner and occupier of the land confirming the statement referred to in sub-paragraph (2) or containing a revised statement.

(5) A statement confirmed or revised under sub-paragraph (4) has effect as if it were a statement made under Article 28(2) and confirmed under Article 28(6).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, Existing areas of special scientific interest.